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Director of Public Works

UPDATE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA ITEM 89-E OCTOBER 1, 2002 - DEVELOP AND POST SIGNS REGARDING CLOSURE OF ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

As directed, we have coordinated with the United States Forest Service to ensure that the public is aware of the current closure of the Angeles National Forest for recreational uses.

United States Forest Service staff has posted large signs at all major road entrances into the Angeles National Forest indicating closure of the Forest for public use. We assisted them to ensure that side roads from County roads in the Angeles National Forest were barricaded. They intend to continue through-access on County roads within the Angeles National Forest while precluding all recreational uses and closing side roads into Forest Service recreational areas.

We are currently constructing variable message board signs at 14 County road entrances to the Angeles National Forest. This was funded under a Federal grant. We expect them to be operational by January 1, 2003, and will utilize them to provide additional information to the public. We will continue to work with Forest Service staff as they monitor the situation and will assist them with any further signage along County roads that may be deemed necessary.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact my Deputy Director, Tom Alexander, at (626) 458-4012.

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